

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 352

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Lenoir City upon the occasion of its sixty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the faithful members of Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Lenoir City comprise one such congregation, and they are celebrating the 65th anniversary of the church's founding; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the summer of 1947, Mrs. Hazel Matlock felt the need of and began to pray for a holiness church in her community of Eaton Crossroads; and

WHEREAS, property on White Wing Road was donated by Paul and Hazel Matlock for the purpose of establishing a Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, beginning with a tent revival held by the Rev. A. C. Madison in summer of 1949, followed by the pioneer ministry of then student minister George Privett, a congregation was gathered and regular services began to be held in a remodeled house at the property on White Wing Road; and

WHEREAS, the White Wing Church of the Nazarene was organized on November 5, 1950, by the Reverend Victor Gray, District Superintendent of the East Tennessee District, Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, the church was organized with two charter members, Mrs. Hazel Matlock and Mary Bell Morrell, with the following five others joining the next Easter: Mrs. Bernard, Judy Matlock, Miss Lucinda Lee, Mrs. Doe Sheppard, and Reverend George Privett, pastor; and

WHEREAS, from such humble beginnings the White Wing Church of the Nazarene has persevered and grown in ministry to the surrounding community and to the world beyond by:

- faithfully preaching the Word of God, giving witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and serving those in need in the same location since 1950;

- seeking the salvation of the lost, the sanctification of believers, and the general moral and spiritual betterment of the community;

- active participation in and strong financial support of the missionary and humanitarian ministries of the International Church of the Nazarene;

- encouraging its young people to hear and answer the call of God to full-time Christian service, and continuing prayerful support of those who have done so;

- providing strong, Biblical moral guidance and spiritual support for its congregants who serve in many capacities in local government, the business and education communities, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, White Wing Church of the Nazarene was renamed Crossroads Church of the Nazarene to better align with the community of Eaton Crossroads; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Crossroads Church completed a 10,000 square foot community center and fellowship hall, thereby extending this ministry to families in and around Lenoir City; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Crossroads Church was blessed to welcome Reverend Don Hawkins, who serves with his wife, Kathy, to provide Godly leadership for their congregation; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Church of the Nazarene is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this historic religious institution and its members as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members of Crossroads Church of the Nazarene upon the occasion of the church's 65th anniversary and offer our sincerest wishes for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.